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## Tanana Valley State Fair Booth



The 2006 Society of American Foresters and State of Alaska fair booth.

The 2008 Tanana Valley State Fair in Fairbanks is August 1-9. If you attend the fair, please visit the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and State of Alaska booth. Primary themes for the booth this year will be: FireWise (protecting your home and property from wildland fire), Current Fire Information, and Wood Energy. Materials on these themes and more will be contributed by many cooperators.

Moist, cool weather conditions have prevented significant fire activity throughout the state this summer. Even though wildland fire and smoke are not a current threat, there is no better time to be proactive and take measures now that could in a future, more active fire season save your house and property. Information about the steps you can take is found at:

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>

Statistics from this summer's wildland fire season, compared with the past ten years (up to this point in July) are below:

<u>Date</u>	<u># of Fires*</u>	<u>Acres*</u>
7/31/98	359	120,673
7/31/99	464	1,005,388
7/31/00	334	736,833
7/31/01	320	221,937
7/31/02	501	1,080,673
7/31/03	408	486,790
7/31/04	513	4,483,647
7/31/05	535	1,688,212
7/31/06	272	269,560
7/31/07	483	365,050
<b>10-Yr Average</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>1,045,876</b>
7/30/08	334	90,183

*\*Provided by AICC Predictive Services. Numbers are not the final seasonal statistics. They show the past 10 years # of fires and acres burned up to the end of July.*

## Fire Information

**Alaska:** No fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday.

The Alaska Type 1 Incident Management Team is first on the national rotation list. The team already completed one, extended fire assignment on the Lime Complex in California and team members have been home for days off.

**Lower-48 Fire Situation:** According to the National Interagency Fire Center, the BTU Lightning Complex in California was contained at 59,440 acres. The Lime Complex, Panther Fire, Ukonom Complex, Yolla Bolly Complex, and Telegraph Fire remain active in California. Australia and New Zealand are providing 44 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California. The military continues to provide support in California as well. Nationally, there are 28 fires and complexes burning 483,199 acres. Six new large fires were in Texas, California, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada.

The firefighting community extends condolences to the families and friends of two firefighters who recently were killed while working on fires in California.

## Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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